

Claims

1. An apparatus for dispensing adhesive tape, provided with a housing and receiving means for receiving a supply roll of adhesive tape and guiding means for, during use, feeding to and through the dispense opening a leading end of adhesive tape unwound from the supply roll, wherein cutting means are
5 provided for cutting adhesive tape from the supply roll brought outside the dispense opening, wherein operating means are provided for moving the cutting means between a first position largely retracted in the housing and a second, cutting position, wherein the cutting means can be brought into contact with adhesive tape fed into and/or through the dispense opening.
- 10 2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the cutting means are biased in the first position.
3. An apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein, in both the first and the second position, the cutting means extend virtually completely within the housing.
- 15 4. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the housing is provided with locking means for at least partly confining a supply roll within the housing, wherein blocking means are provided for the cutting means and/or the operating means therefor, which blocking means are designed such, that the locking means can only be opened and/or taken away
20 when the cutting means have been brought into the first position.
5. An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the housing comprises a flap, wherein the blocking means can be operated by the flap.
6. An apparatus according to claim 4 or 5, wherein, by operating the blocking means, in particular by opening the flap, the operating means for the
25 cutting means are blocked.

7. An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the blocking means are designed for preventing the flap from opening before the cutting means have been brought into the first position.

8. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein
5 the guiding means comprise at least one driven roller with which, during use, adhesive tape can be moved in the direction of and through the dispense opening.

9. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein a driving mechanism is provided for manually driving said at least one driven roller.

10 10. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the apparatus is arranged for dispensing tape for medical application, in particular on or adjacent the skin.

11. An apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the apparatus is autoclavable or differently sterilizable.

15 12. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the housing comprises a handle and a body, wherein the receiving means for the supply roll are provided in the handle and the operating means substantially in the body.

13. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein
20 the apparatus is substantially manufactured from metal parts.

14. An apparatus according to any one of claims 1 – 9, wherein the apparatus is arranged for dispensing adhesive tape for closing boxes and the like, wherein the housing comprises a handle and a body, wherein the receiving means for the supply roll are substantially received in the body,
25 together with the guiding means.

15. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the cutting means comprise a knife, received in a substantially straight guide, which is substantially linearly movable between the first and the second position.

16. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the receiving means for the supply roll are fastened to a base plate which is movable relative to the housing, wherein a pressure roller is connected to the base plate for pressing on adhesive tape extending along said pressure roller, the pressure roller being arranged for pushing the adhesive tape through the dispense opening.

17. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims and a supply roll of adhesive tape, wherein the receiving means comprise first receiving elements and the supply roll comprises a core with second receiving elements, wherein the first and second receiving elements are tailored to each other such that the supply roll can only be inserted with the core onto the receiving elements in one position.

18. An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the receiving means comprise a stub onto which the core of the supply roll can be slipped, wherein the housing comprises a cover which can be closed over the supply roll, which cover, in closed position, is located at a relatively small distance from the core.

19. An apparatus according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein at least two receiving positions for supply rolls of tape are provided, wherein means are provided for, during use, dispensing and cutting off tape from at least one of the supply rolls, at will.